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Griffins welcome new leader

New aviation brigade commander to focus on new missions

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ANSBACH, Germany – Col. Robert C. Doerer took command of U.S. Army Europe's 12th Combat Aviation Brigade, known as the Griffin Brigade, in a change-of-command ceremony Jan. 9 at Katterbach Army Airfield.

Doerer assumed command from Col. Timothy J. Edens, who served as Commander of 12th CAB for just over 3.5 years.

"Please know if you wore or wear the Griffin patch, or worked for U.S. Army Garrison Ansbach's medical clinics or dental clinics, outstanding aviation and ground maintenance contractor teams and all the civilian agencies on Katterbach and Storck Barracks, you were and are a part of the greatest unit and command I have had the privilege to be a member of," said Edens.

The 12thCAB recently returned from a 15-month deployment, organized as Task Force XII, in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Task Force XII served at Joint Base Balad, Iraq as the Corps Aviation Brigade under Multi-National Corps-Iraq. Units assigned to the brigade worked in all six multi-national divisions.

“The spirit of teamwork and the feeling of family forged over my time here, highlighted while we were in Iraq, is something I am very proud of and for which I will always be thankful,” said Edens.

For his service as commander, Edens was awarded the Legion of Merit, presented by USAREUR Commanding General, Gen. Carter Ham.

Doerer comes from the U.S. Army’s Human Resources Command where he served as branch chief for aviation officers. His career began in 1985 when he was commissioned an Aviation Officer upon graduation from the United States Military Academy.

“My goal, first and foremost, is to continue on where Col. Tim Edens has left off and to continue to support the unit, the Soldiers and the Families,” said Doerer.

The new commander summarized his goals during the ceremony, “We will continue on with the great tradition this command has upheld thus far to get ready for our next mission.”



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ANSBACH, Germany – Incoming 12th Combat Aviation Brigade Commander, Col. Robert Doerer, passes the unit's guide-on to brigade Command Sgt. Maj. H. Lee Kennedy during a ceremony Jan. 9. Doerer assumes command of the brigade from outgoing commander, Col. Timothy Edens, who has led the Griffin Brigade for the past 43 months, including a 15-month combat tour in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. 1st Class Chris Seaton 12th Combat Aviation Brigade PAO)



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ANSBACH, Germany – Outgoing 12th Combat Aviation Brigade Commander, Col. Timothy Edens expresses his gratitude to his wife, Leslie, at a change of command

ceremony Jan. 9. Edens led the Griffin Brigade for more than 3.5 years, and recently returned from a combat tour with the unit in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.
(U.S. Army photo by Sgt. 1st Class Chris Seaton 12th Combat Aviation Brigade PAO)



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ANSBACH, Germany – Incoming 12th Combat Aviation Brigade Commander, Col. Robert Doerer, addresses the Soldiers and Family members of the Griffin Brigade during a change of command ceremony Jan. 9. Doerer comes to the CAB after serving as Aviation Branch Manager at the U.S. Army's Human Resources Command.
(U.S. Army photo by Sgt. 1st Class Chris Seaton 12th Combat Aviation Brigade PAO)